

MANAGING WASTE

KEEP LOWELL
LITTER FREE

IN LOWELL

solid waste and recycling guide



WE PROVIDE:

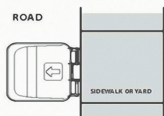
- Trash carts
- Recycling carts
- Yard waste stickers
- Free repairs for carts
- Events for hazardous items

Households with 6 or less residential units (5-6 if owner occupied) qualify for city service

When taking out the trash, remember to:



Park it



Point it



Space it

RULES FOR SERVICE:

- out by 7 am on your service day
- against or at the edge of the curb
- arm's length from any vehicle and not behind anything
- have closed (sealed) lids
- less than 250 pounds - trucks have weight limitations

Follow cart rules and keep banned items out of your bins to ensure pick-up.

MA WASTE BAN ITEMS:

These items are prohibited from going into trash and recycling carts:

- Construction material including asphalt pavement, brick, concrete, wood and clean gypsum wallboard
- Cathode ray tubes
- Large appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, and dryers (also known as white goods)
- Leaves and yard clippings / waste
- Lead acid batteries (ex. car batteries)
- Mattresses and box springs
- Metals (ferrous and non-ferrous)
- Textile (clothing, fabric items)
- Whole tires (shredded tires acceptable)

NOT ALLOWED

Get your collection schedule, notifications, and answers to all other waste questions on our app
Your yearly guide to trash, recycle, yard waste & more

"LowellRecycle" App



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Download on the
App Store

Available in English, Español, & Khmer

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MISSED COLLECTION?

Tickets can be submitted by visiting
Lowellrecycle.org

If your waste was out correctly and it wasn't picked up on your day, submit a ticket no more than 2 business days after your service day.

EXTRA TRASH?

- Donate
- Purple Overflow Bag Program
- Request an Additional Set
- theBagster.com
- Dumpsters

EXTRA RECYCLING?



Recycle Drop-off container

Location: 1365 Middlesex St

Tues, Wed, & Thu, 8 am - 3 pm (subject to change)

The compactor is kept locked; please call when you arrive 978-674-4309

YARD WASTE



- Paper 'lawn & leaf' bags or labeled barrels... No plastic bags!
- out by 7 am on your collection day.
- NO plastic bags
- Loose leaves in labeled barrels, or 'paper' Lawn & Leaf bags
- NO dirt, sod or soil, rocks or boulders...
- Bundles if they:
 - weigh less than 35 lbs
 - smaller than 3 inches in diameter
 - wrapped with non-metallic twine
 - no longer than 3 ft

Visit our website for all the most relative information on waste, recycling, and sustainability in Lowell.



- customizable notifications- via email, phone call, text
- collection schedules
- Recyclopedia- answers to all your recycling needs

Sign up for notifications on our website- turn them off at any time.

KEY TO RECYCLING IN LOWELL



Solid Waste and Recycling Office
Dept. of Public Works



RECYCLE

Wipe It. Rinse It. Recycle It.

IN THE BIN

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS
Empty and rinse



METAL CANS & FOIL
Empty and rinse



PLASTIC CONTAINERS
Empty and replace cap



PAPER & CARDBOARD
Empty and flatten



NOT IN THE BIN

PLASTIC BAGS OR WRAP
DO NOT bag recyclables or add garbage



FOOD OR LIQUID
Empty and rinse all containers



CLOTHING OR LINENS
Use donation programs



TANGLERS
Coat hangers, electrical wires, hoses, etc.



Always try to REDUCE your waste first! Reduction comes before recycling. Remember to BYO bag, bottle or utensil, opt out of single-use items, and buy good quality items that will last longer.

NEW LAW!!!

MASSDEP TEXTILE RECOVERY

Starting November 2022 enforcement will begin regarding the new waste disposal ban on textiles as planed in the 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan. Fabric items such as clothing, bedding, and similar items can no longer be disposed of in curbside bins.

Place both donatable and unusable items in drop-bins throughout the city.

Visit the link below to find other disposal options with companies who are fighting to keep 230,000 tons of textiles out of the waste stream annually.

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/massdep-textile-recovery>

HAZARDOUS DISPOSAL EVENTS

MATERIAL SATURDAY

DROP-OFF EVENT



When: The last Saturday of every month

Time: 8 AM - Noon

Location: Lowell Regional Waste Water Utility

451 First Street Boulevard Lowell, MA

- 20 lb & 1 lb Propane tanks & helium tanks
- Compact & Linear Florescent Lamps (CFLs)
- Medical Sharps (in puncture proof bottle)
- Rechargeable Batteries (PDF) (NiCad, etc.)
- Button Batteries
- Thermometers / Thermostats [& elemental Hg]
- Waste Motor Oil (limited to pints and quarts)
- Fire Extinguishers

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY



DROP-OFF EVENT

- Paints and solvents
- Household Chemicals
- Garden Chemicals
- Automotive Fluids
- Batteries
- Mercury thermometers, thermostats

This event occurs 2 times a year. Preregister to attend. Events from other towns may be open to Lowell residents.

For more information visit:
<https://lowellma.gov/213/Hazardous-Waste-Day>

DONATION OPTIONS

CMRK

Partners with Big Brother Big Sister

Free pick up of most household items

- DVD's
- Hard Plastic Toys
- Purses
- Small Toys
- Musical Instruments
- Arts & Collectibles
- Boxed Toys
- Backpacks
- Gently Used Clothing
- Shoes
- Books
- Dishes / Pots / Pans
- Puzzles
- Belts / Ties / Hats
- Linens
- Housewares

RESTORE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Drop-off or free pick up of some large items if donatable

- Appliances<10 yrs old
- Cabinets
- Countertops
- Solid Wood Doors
- Windows in Casings
- Building Materials
- Furniture
- Flooring
- Siding
- Electrical Supplies
- Lighting
- Plumbing Supplies
- Kitchen & Bath Fixtures
- Faucets (new, certified lead free)
- Home Goods
- New Toilets
- New Sinks

OTHER OPTIONS

- Boston Building Resources
 - fee-based pick up
- Boys and Girls Club
 - Accepts school supplies
- Epilepsy Foundation
- Freecycle
 - Online market place
- Goodwill
 - fee-based pick up
- House of Hope
- Kids Car Donations
- Lowell Wish Project
- Merrimack Valley Food Bank
- Savers
- St. Vincent DePaul Thrift
- The Angels Above Store



More details can be found through the following links:

- <https://lowellma.gov/1303/Donate-NewGently-Used-Items>
- <https://www.mass.gov/lists/donation-reuse>

YEAR ROUND DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR ODDS AND ENDS

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING



- Best Buy
 - <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?>
- Staples
 - <https://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/sustainability-center/recycling-services/electronics/>

BULKY ITEMS

- Bagster
 - thebagster.com
- Waste Managment
 - WM.com or 1-800-972-4545
- UTEC (mattresses and box springs)
 - Utec-mattress.org or 978-856-3997



COMPOSTING



- Bootstrap Compost (took over Off Beet Compost)
- <https://bootstrapcompost.com/>
- Black Earth
 - <https://blackearthcompost.com>
- DIY (earth machines at a discounted rate through the city)
 - <https://www.lowellma.gov/1398/Do-it-Yourself-DIY-Composting> (we also have rain barrels)
- Krochmal Farms (yard waste only)

TEXTILE RECYCLING



Recycle clothing, footwear, fabric accessories, & linen with the following businesses.

Just make sure they are cleaned and bagged:

- CMRK (will accept fabric scraps)
- Bay State Textiles (will accept fabric scraps)
- Planet Aid



NO tattered beyond repair, dirty, wet, or moldy items

SHREDDED PAPER

This does not go into your curbside recycling bin!!!

- Animal shelters
- UPS Store
- Enterprise Bank
- Compost